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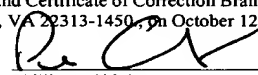
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and the Notice of Allowability dated April 23, 2003 with the Examiner accepting an Amendment filed on March 19, 2003. The request for certificate of correction included the following:

In Claim 8, column 6, line 24, after "first stator frame end;" insert -- a second end shield secured to said second stator frame end; and --.

The requested correction is in-line with Claim 8 shown in the accepted Amendment.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the changes indicated in the request for certificate of correction dated March 7, 2005.

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For your convenience, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the Request for Certificate of Correction and the Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44 mailed March 7, 2005, and the USPTO Response to the Request for Certificate of Correction dated April 18, 2005.

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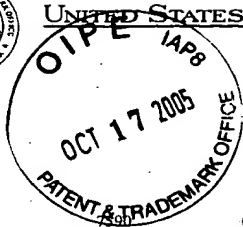


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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/682,501	09/10/2001	Robert A. Dunlap	03-DV-7116	7906

TITLE OF INVENTION: MECHANICAL JOINING FOR WATER-COOLED MOTOR FRAME

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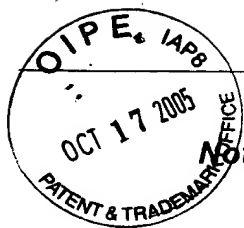
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Application No.

09/682,501

Examiner

Tamai IE Karl

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/19/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 September 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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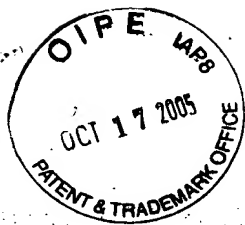
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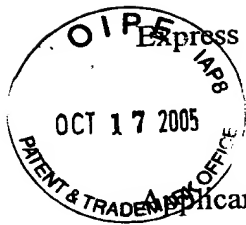
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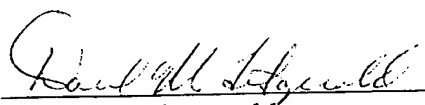
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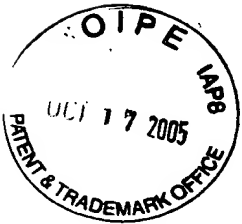
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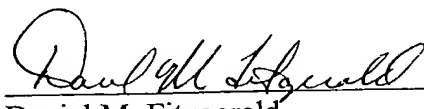
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AMENDMENT

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Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A stator frame for an electric motor, said stator frame comprising:

a substantially cylindrical shaped-body section having opposed ends, and a cooling passageway extending through at least a portion of said body section, said cooling passageway comprising a cooling conduit;

an inlet port and an outlet port in flow communication with said cooling passageway;
and

at least one spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling conduit substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit.

8. (twice amended) An electric motor, comprising:

a stator frame comprising a substantially cylindrical shaped body section having opposed first and second ends, and a cooling passageway extending through at least a portion of said body section, said frame further comprising an inlet port and an outlet port in flow communication with said cooling passageway, said cooling passageway comprising a cooling conduit;

a first end shield secured to said first stator frame end;

a second end shield secured to said second stator frame end; and

at least one spacer bar mechanically coupled to said cooling conduit, said spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed January 16, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Applicants and the undersigned wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies he extended during a telephone interview that occurred on March 12, 2003. During the interview, the Office Action dated January 16, 2003 was discussed. More specifically, Claims 1 and 8 and the recitation "substantially surrounding said cooling conduit ..." were discussed along with the cited references, namely Crowell et al. (US 5,859,482). During the interview, Applicants and the Examiner agreed that Crowell et al. neither described nor suggested the claimed invention. Accordingly, the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Claims.

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-15 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crowell et al. (US 5,859,482) ("Crowell") is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Crowell does not describe nor suggest the claimed invention. As discussed below and as agreed to during the Examiner Interview, at least one of the differences between Crowell and the present invention is that Crowell neither describes nor suggests a spacer bar having a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from the notched side wherein the at least one finger is crimpable around a cooling conduit such that upon crimping the at least one finger extends circumferentially around the cooling conduit substantially surrounding the cooling conduit and mechanically coupling the spacer bar to the cooling conduit.

Crowell describes a liquid cooled electric motor stator frame (102) that includes a cooling conduit (142). Cooling conduit (142) is arranged in a generally helical configuration and stator frame (102) is cast around cooling conduit (142) such that conduit (142) is embedded within, and integral with, stator frame (102). A plurality of spacer bars (152) provide support for cooling conduit (142) and facilitate maintaining a desired spacing between a plurality of lengths of cooling conduit (142) and between conduit (142) and a stator frame wall.

Claim 1 recites a stator frame for an electric motor that includes a cooling conduit, and "at least one spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling conduit substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit."

Crowell does not describe nor suggest a stator frame for an electric motor that includes at least one spacer bar having a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from the notched side wherein the at least one finger is crimpable around a cooling

conduit such that upon crimping the at least one finger extends circumferentially around the cooling conduit substantially surrounding the cooling conduit and mechanically coupling the spacer bar to the cooling conduit.

Rather, Crowell describes a liquid cooled electric motor stator frame that includes a plurality of spacer bars that engage a cooling conduit. Although Crowell describes at column 5, lines 37-38; column 6, lines 46-49; and column 7, lines 8-11 spacer bars that are engaged to a conduit, Crowell does not describe nor suggest a spacer bar having a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from the notched side wherein the at least one finger is crimpable around a cooling conduit such that upon crimping the at least one finger extends circumferentially around the cooling conduit substantially surrounding the cooling conduit and mechanically coupling the spacer bar to the cooling conduit. For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Crowell.

Claims 2-7 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-7 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicants submit that dependent Claims 2-7 likewise are patentable over Crowell.

Claim 8 recites an electric motor that includes a cooling conduit, and "at least one spacer bar mechanically coupled to said cooling conduit, said spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling conduit substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit."

Crowell does not describe nor suggest an electric motor that includes a cooling conduit, and at least one spacer bar mechanically coupled to a cooling conduit, wherein the spacer bar has a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from the notched side, and wherein the at least one finger is crimpable around the cooling conduit such that upon crimping the at least one finger extends circumferentially around the cooling conduit substantially surrounding the cooling conduit and mechanically coupling the spacer bar to the cooling conduit.

More specifically, Crowell does not describe nor suggest a spacer bar having a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from the notched side wherein the at least one finger is crimpable around a cooling conduit such that upon crimping the at least one finger extends circumferentially around the cooling conduit substantially surrounding the cooling conduit.

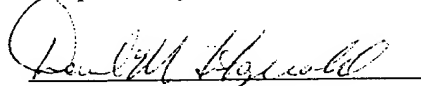
Rather, Crowell describes a liquid cooled electric motor stator frame that includes a plurality of spacer bars that engage a cooling conduit. Although Crowell describes a spacer bar that engages a cooling conduit, Crowell does not describe nor suggest a spacer bar having a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from the notched side wherein the at least one finger is crimpable around a cooling conduit such that upon crimping the at least one finger extends circumferentially around the cooling conduit substantially surrounding the cooling conduit and mechanically coupling the spacer bar to the cooling conduit. For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 8 is submitted to be patentable over Crowell.

Claims 9-15 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 8. When the recitations of Claims 9-15 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 8, Applicants submit that dependent Claims 9-15 likewise are patentable over Crowell.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 102 rejection of Claims 1-15 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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 : Art Unit: 2834
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For: MECHANICAL JOINING FOR :
WATER-COOLED MOTOR :
FRAME :

SUBMISSION OF MARKED-UP CLAIMS

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Submitted herewith are marked up claims in accordance with 37 CFR 1.211(c)(1)(ii).

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A stator frame for an electric motor, said stator frame comprising:

a substantially cylindrical shaped body section having opposed ends, and a cooling passageway extending through at least a portion of said body section, said cooling passageway comprising a cooling conduit;

an inlet port and an outlet port in flow communication with said cooling passageway;
and

at least one spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling conduit [to said notched side] substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit.

8. (twice amended) An electric motor, comprising:

a stator frame comprising a substantially cylindrical shaped body section having opposed first and second ends, and a cooling passageway extending through at least a portion

of said body section, said frame further comprising an inlet port and an outlet port in flow communication with said cooling passageway, said cooling passageway comprising a cooling conduit;

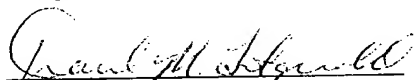
a first end shield secured to said first stator frame end;

a second end shield secured to said second stator frame end; and

at least one spacer bar mechanically coupled to said cooling conduit, said spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling conduit [to said notched side] substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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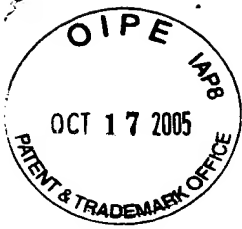
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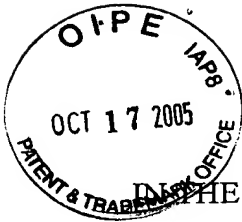
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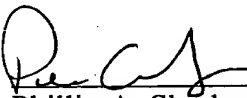
In Claim 8, column 6, line 24, after "first stator frame end;" insert -- a second end shield secured to said second stator frame end; and --.

The correction is not due to any error by applicants and no fee is due.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In Claim 8, column 6, line 24, after "first stator frame end; " insert -- a second end shield secured to said second stator frame end; and --.

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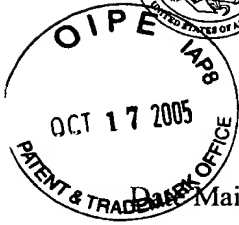
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Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule(s) 1.322.

Inspection of the application for the patent reveals, however, that in connection with the alleged error to which applicant refer; Claim 8, column 6, line 24 is printed in accordance with the record of the Patent and Trademark Office as passed to issue by the examiner. There being no fault on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office, it has no authority to issue a certificate of correction under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 254 and Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Patent Cases.

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